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SUBJ: UN COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN COMMITTEE

1. THIS CABLE REPORTS DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 3478 ON CONCLUSION OF A TREATY ON COMPLETE AND  
GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS (CTB). AT A  
MEETING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP (WEO) ON  
JANUARY 13, BELGIAN MISOFF MASSONET, ACTING WEO CHAIRMAN,  
REPORTED THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE NEGOTIATING  
COMMITTEE CALLED FOR IN THE ABOVE RESOLUTION AT A RECENT  
MEETING OF REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN: EASTERN EUROPEAN  
GROUP (EE'S) CHAIRMAN SAID EE'S HAD DECIDED TO REQUEST  
SIX SEATS ON THE COMMITTEE AND THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY,  
THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND POLAND WERE CANDIDATES;  
BOLIVIA SAID LATIN AMERICAN GROUP (LA'S) WOULD ASK  
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FOR FIVE-SEVEN SEATS; AND PHILIPPINES SAID ASIAN GROUP

WANTED SIX-EIGHT SEATS. THE AFRICAN GROUP WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. MASSONET SAID HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE USSR WOULD PARTICIPATE. IN RESPONSE TO MASSONET'S QUERY AS TO WEO INTEREST, SWEDISH MISOFF HAMMARSKJOLD ANNOUNCED SWEDEN'S CANDIDACY, AND CANADIAN MISOFF WILDER SAID CANADA MIGHT BE A CANDIDATE.

2. UK MISOFF MARSHALL EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE REALISM OF THE EXERCISE IN LIGHT OF THE VIEWS OF SOME NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES (NWS). MASSONET SAID THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY OBJECTION HE WOULD REQUEST SEVEN OR EIGHT SEATS FOR THE WEO'S ON THE CTB COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN'S MEETING ON JANUARY 19.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY BY USUN MISOFF UN DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BJORNERSTEDT EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT WEO'S DECISION AND SAID HE HAD NO IDEA THAT SWEDEN OR CANADA WERE CONSIDERING PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW GA PRESIDENT WAS IN THE HANDS OF REGIONAL GROUPS ON GROUP NOMINATIONS AND THAT IF GROUPS CAME FORWARD, AS EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP HAS, WITH NOMINATIONS, THORN HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT. HOWEVER, BJORNERSTEDT SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KEEP IN MIND THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE PROCESS OF NOMINATION AND THAT OF CONVENING THE CTB COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT EVEN IF ALL REGIONAL GROUPS NOMINATED REPS, THE SITUATION COULD ARISE--BECAUSE OF LACK OF PARTICIPATION BY NWS--WHERE THE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONVENE. BJORNERSTEDT THOUGHT THAT FOUR OUT OF FIVE NWS WOULD PROBABLY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CTB COMMITTEE (I.E. US, UK, FRANCE, CHINA). HE DESCRIBED A SECOND "ACADEMIC" VIEW WHICH HOLDS THAT A MAJORITY OF THE NOMINEES AT A CTB COMMITTEE COULD DECIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD MEET--EVEN IF ALL THE NWS DID NOT PARTICIPATE.

4. SWEDISH MISOFF BERG CALLED USUN MISOFF LATER TO "CLARIFY A MISUNDERSTANDING." HE TOLD USUN MISOFF THAT SWEDEN "IS NOT PLAYING RUSSIAN GAMES." HE SAID HE WAS INFORMING ALL MEMBERS OF EO GROUP THAT GOS INTENTION WAS TO INDICATE THAT IN THE "HYPOTHETICAL CASE" ALL FIVE NWS AGREE TO START CTB NEGOTIATIONS, SWEDEN WOULD BE INTERESTED

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IN PARTICIPATING IN THE CTB COMMITTEE. BERG ASKED USUN MISOFF TO "SPREAD THE WORD AROUND" CONCERNING SWEDEN'S POSITION.

5. CANADIAN DEPUTY PERMREP BRUCE INFORMED USUN MISOFF THAT THE CANADIAN POSITION IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS THAT OF SWEDEN, ALTHOUGH NOT QUITE SO CATEGORICAL. BRUCE SAID THAT IF ONE OTHER WESTERN NWS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CTB

COMMITTEE, CANADA WOULD PROBABLY ALSO PARTICIPATE. BRUCE CONTINUED THAT WHILE CANADA VIEWS THE CTB COMMITTEE AS A "GIANT PROPAGANDA EFFORT" CANADA WOULD NOT WANT TO APPEAR DISINTERESTED IN A DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE IN WHICH ONE OR MORE OF ITS ALLIES WAS PARTICIPATING.

6. UKUN MISSION OFFICER LOGAN INFORMED US ON JANUARY 14 THAT BELGIAN MISSION OFFICER VAN BRUSSELEN AGREED TO LOGAN'S SUGGESTION THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE CANADIAN AND SWEDISH CLARIFICATIONS (WHICH LOGAN PASSED TO VAN BRUSSELEN), VAN BRUSSELEN RECOMMEND THAT BELGIAN PERM REP EXPRESS WEO INTEREST IN 7 - 8 SEATS ON THE CTB COMMITTEE AT THE JANUARY 19 REGIONAL CHAIRMAN'S MEETING -- IF SUCH A COMMITTEE MEETS -- AND STATE THAT THERE ARE NO WEO CANDIDATES AS OF NOW.

7. COMMENT: THERE IS NO REASON AS OF NOW TO ASSUME THAT THE SECRETARIAT WILL ACTUALLY MOVE TO THE POINT OF INVITING NWS OR NON NWS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CTB COMMITTEE. USUN IS UNAWARE OF ANYONE ACTUALLY PRESSING FOR THE COMMITTEE TO MEET.  
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